

ACCOUNTANT GOT GIFTS OF STOCK

Says "Old Friend" Was Donor, but He Returned It "Some Time Ago."

BALTIMORE AND OHIO ACT

Will Begin System of Open Distribution of Cars—Thayer Makes Explanation.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, June 21.—When the Interstate Commerce Commission met today to continue its inquiry into the coal and oil traffic of the several railroads, Chairman Knapp announced that to-day's session primarily was for the purpose of allowing Eastern bituminous roads, which have been under investigation, an opportunity to make any statement or submit any testimony which they might desire to present.

John B. Thayer, fourth vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, explained the method of car supply and distribution of that road.

The basic principle of the distribution, said Mr. Thayer, "is to take the ratings of the mines as one factor; their commercial capacity based on the tonnage we have taken for certain periods as another factor to arrive at the proper percentage, and then, in the distribution of the cars, the individual car and the car which is furnished for fuel for the railroad company is counted against its capacity. That is the method which was partially put into effect in November last in some of the regions, and on January last finally in all the regions on our road."

"Was that a matter of a sudden change or was it a matter of gradual progress?" inquired Mr. Patterson.

The witness replied that it was not a sudden change.

"It was a growth," he said, "of what you might call experience, growing largely out of the lessons of the confusion during the strike period."

Private Cars.

Mr. Thayer entered into an elaborate explanation of the result of the investigation by his road for private cars. He said that, prior to sailing for Europe in May last, President Cassatt gave orders for the discontinuance of the individual car system on the Pennsylvania road and had been provoked to become the subordinate officials did not feel able, in operating the traffic department, to carry out that policy. He said that Vice-President Hughes himself took the responsibility of suspending the order, asking as a reason that they were more directly in touch with the burdens of that business.

"We feel," said Mr. Thayer, "that in justice to these men, who have placed their money in the individual cars and, perhaps, in justice to a large portion of the consuming public, that we ought to go through this next winter. We all hope our experience will prove that we will at last be able to accommodate our traffic to a large extent by our own cars."

Open to Inspection.

Mr. Thayer said, further, that the car distribution sheets were published and always open to the inspection of shippers in the office of the superintendent of transportation and in the various offices in the region of the mines. It was, however, a tentative system, subject to change.

The witness declared it was not true that during the coal famine cars were supplied to certain operators while they were supplied to others, as had been alleged at previous hearings. There were, however, at that time, he said, a number of shippers who were desirous of making shipments for speculative purposes, and he said that he left them out of his calculations, because they wished to ship coal at high prices and force it on the consumers. Of course we gave the preference to the operators with whom we had contracts.

Mr. Glasscock, counsel for the commission, asked if he included the Donoho Coal and Coke Company and the Jamison Coal Company in his characterization of "speculators," to which the reply was made that there was not an operator or speculator at that time who would not claim he had a contract with the Pennsylvania Railroad to transport coal. He said the Donoho Company had entered suit against the Pennsylvania Company and added: "If they

TONIC TREATMENT

Weak Stomach and Sick Headache Cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

The symptoms of stomach trouble vary. Some victims have a nervous appetite, others have the light of food. Often there is a feeling as if weight on the chest, a full feeling in the throat. Sometimes the gas presses on the heart, and leads the sufferer to think he has heart disease. Sick headache is a frequent and distressing symptom. Weak stomach, tonic, and that there is no better tonic for this purpose than Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is shown by the statement of Mr. A. C. Merrill, a mining man, of Onondaga, Cal., a veteran of Battalion C, Third U. S. Regular Infantry.

"I had never been well since I left the army," he says, "always having had trouble with my stomach, which was weak. I was run down and debilitated. Could keep nothing on my stomach, and at times had sick headache. I tried everything, but I did not care whether I lived or died. My stomach refused to retain even liquid food, and I almost despaired of getting well, as I had tried so many kinds of medicine without relief. Then I was bitten by a rattlesnake, and that led me up from work entirely for a year, six months of which I spent in bed."

"One day a friend recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to me, and I began taking them. They cured me when all other medicine had failed. I have recommended the pills to my friends, and during my recovery every one asked me what was helping me so, and I told them Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I cannot speak too highly of them."

If you want good health you must have good blood. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills actually make new blood and restore shattered nerves. They are sold by all druggists or sent, post-paid, on receipt of price, 50c per box, six boxes for \$2.50, by Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

prove a contract we will have to pay the bill."

Holds Coal Stock.

Frank Hoff, of Philadelphia, chief accountant in the general manager's office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, was closely questioned regarding his relations with Joseph B. Boyer, former chief clerk at Altoona, who testified in Philadelphia to receiving a percentage on fuel coal furnished the Pennsylvania Railroad. The witness admitted going to New York last Tuesday in response to a letter from Boyer, who was about to leave the country, and to whom he desired to render any assistance he might need, Boyer being his old friend.

No one in the Pennsylvania office, he said, knew he had gone to see Boyer. The witness maintained that he had never heard of the "Committee of Five" that met once a month to discuss company coal business, nor had he ever had converse with any one about a percentage on fuel coal. Mr. Hoff admitted having received coal company stock in the Standard Moanahan Mine on the Tyrone Division, but said he returned it a short time ago.

"Who sent it to you?" asked Chairman Knapp.

"Mr. Miller, the president of the company."

"Under what circumstances?"

"Mr. Miller is an old friend of mine. The stock, he added, had been returned since the investigation began. The witness admitted owning a one-sixth interest in some undeveloped coal lands which was worth between \$5,000 and \$7,000.

B. & O. to Make Change.

Attorney Wilson, of Baltimore, on behalf of the Baltimore and Ohio, referred to the various causes of "suspicion" of the part of shippers, and said he was authorized to announce that although the Baltimore and Ohio hitherto had not had an open distribution of cars, such system would be put into effect as promptly as the details could be worked out.

Mr. Thayer was recalled and in reply to a question by counsel for the commission, said that as a general proposition, the time had come when transportation companies should confine themselves solely to the transportation business and nothing else.

COLOMBIA, IN HUFF, WITHDRAWS MINISTER

Country Disgusted With Failure of United States to Pay for Panama.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, June 21.—The Evening Post prints to-night, the following special from Washington: Diego de Mendoza, the Colombian minister at Washington, has been withdrawn by his government to show Colombia's resentment at the failure of the United States to pay her for the loss of Panama. Senor Mendoza is supposed to be in New York city to-day. The State Department has received from him a formal notification of his intended departure upon leave of absence, and asking recognition of the first secretary of legation, Eduardo Berez-Triana, as charge d'affaires.

Although the departure of Senor Mendoza, on leave of absence, is perfectly regular on its face, officials here know that the minister is leaving this country by the direct order of his president, General Rafael Reyes, who is angered at the failure of his efforts to exact from this government compensation for the loss of Panama.

The diplomatic corps long ago noticed and has commented upon the absence of the Colombian minister from Secretary Root's weekly diplomatic reception.

Secretary Root's list shows that Senor Mendoza has not attended this reception for two months or more.

ROBERT PORTNER, BREWER, LEFT \$1,900,000 ESTATE

MANASSAS, VA., June 21.—Robert Portner, the brewer, who died recently in Manassas, left an estate valued at about \$1,900,000, according to his will, which was filed yesterday.

The schedule of the estate follows: Stocks and bonds, \$1,700,000; real estate in Virginia, \$100,000; house at 1104 Vermont Avenue, northwest, Washington, \$40,000; other personal property, \$30,000; and debts due the estate, \$20,000.

The estate, according to the petition, is indebted to the extent of \$50,000, exclusive of the bills contracted during Mr. Portner's last illness.

Romantic Marriage.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

CRANFORD, N. J., June 21.—A very romantic marriage took place in lower Oak Orchard last week. Rev. C. W. Wilson, a traveling Baptist minister from West Virginia, passed here on a preaching tour and held a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Morris. The bridegroom is 33 years of age, and the bride is 18.

Barn Destroyed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MADISONVILLE, VA., June 21.—A heavy thunderstorm visited this locality Thursday night, and the lightning struck a barn on the Gibbs farm, near here, owned now by Mr. Carson, a Western man. The barn was totally destroyed. Mr. Ramsey, the tenant, lost all of his feed and plantation tools, which were in the barn.

JAMESTOWN IN EUROPE.

Charles W. Kohlsaat Appointed Commissioner General.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NORFOLK, VA., June 21.—Charles W. Kohlsaat, formerly envoy of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition to Norway and Sweden, has been appointed commissioner-general to Europe for the Jamestown Exposition.

He will leave for Europe about July 10th to arrange exposition sentiment and to finish the work commenced there by President Harry B. George Tucker.

Purchase of Bonds.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LEESBURG, VA., June 21.—W. N. Harris & Co., of New York city, was the highest bidder for the purchase of the bond issue of \$25,000 for the construction of a system of waterworks for Leesburg.

The premium was \$1.75. The contract for their construction was not awarded, but the lowest bidders were W. G. Morris, Phoenix, Va.; Southern Construction Company, of Norfolk; and H. C. Brooks.

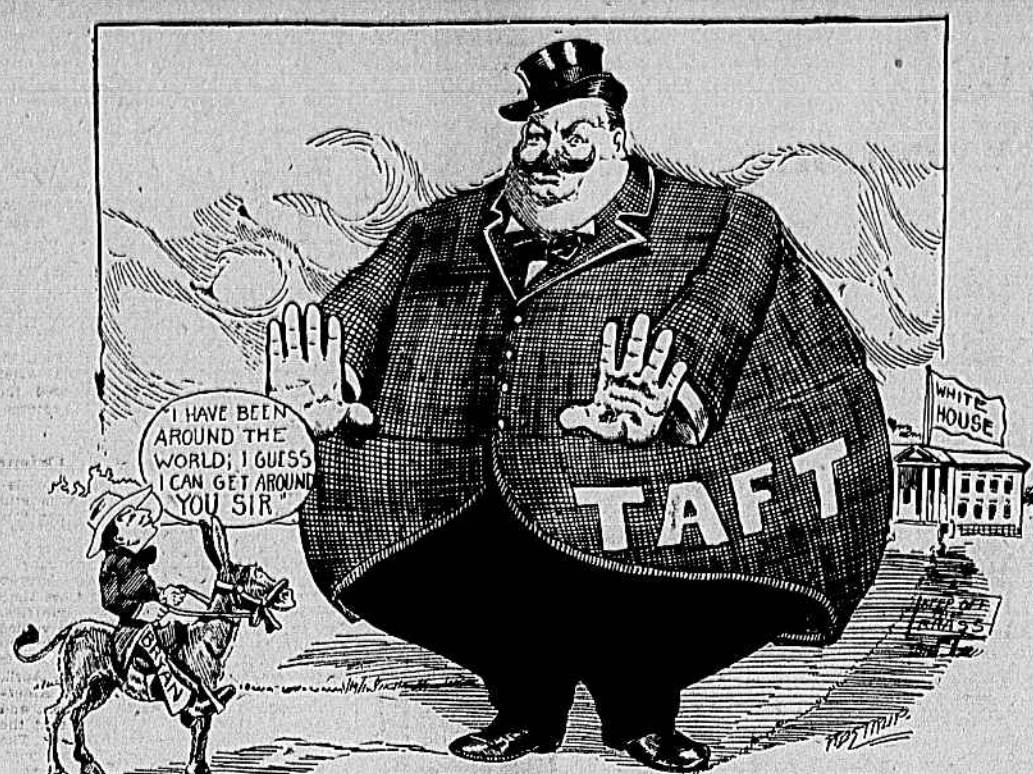
Base—Conolly.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MADISONVILLE, VA., June 21.—Mr. E. B. Bass and Miss Lela Conolly, both of this county, were married last evening at the home of Mr. Bass. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. A. Paisley, of the Presbyterian Church. After the marriage vows were taken the bride party retired to Mr. Bass's residence, where a large reception was held.

In Motor Circles.

Mistress—Who is at the door, Jane? Maid—Panhard 86529, Ma'am. Mistress—I'm not at home, Jane; I'm waiting for Toledo 41284.—Puck.



A WEIGHTY OBSTACLE!

POISON IN FOOD, MANN DECLARES

On Floor of House Congressman

Exposes Adulteration of Products in Daily Use.

HONEY FROM GLUCOSE PLANT

"Cure for Opium Habit" Contains

Enough of Drug to Develop Taste.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, June 21.—The space in front of the Speaker's desk of the House today resembled a small section of a delicatessen store and a corner grocery, with cereals, jams, jellies, tins of peas, tomatoes, corn, bottles of whiskey and wine, imported sausage, branded cherries and other edibles and drinkables scattered over two tables, and, to complete the picture, there were a standard scale, with weights, a graduate and a funnel, for the purpose of demonstrating the contention of the majority of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce that a pure food bill is necessary for the protection of the people.

Interest in the debate on the pure food bill showed itself in the presence of many visitors in the galleries and a large membership on the floor.

Exposes Opium Drugs.

The House went into committee of the whole, with Mr. Currie (New Hampshire) in the chair, for the consideration of the pure food bill, Mr. Mann beginning the discussion.

Mr. Mann contrasted the features of the Senate and House bills, remarking that it was not the aim of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce to recommend legislation as to what the people should eat or drink, but to call attention to what they are eating or drinking.

"Medicines now on the market, advertised in the strongest terms to cure the opium habit," said Mr. Mann, "show, on investigation, enough opium to develop the opium habit."

Calling the attention of the House to the action of the proprietary concerns in still insisting on the passage of the Hepburn bill, he said the association was afraid to come out in the open and fight.

He read a letter from the German-American Extract Works, in which they told how to make all kinds of liquors. They were especially interested, he said, in their Old Tom gin extracts, which gave the exact taste of the original article. He said that this firm claims to make any kind of liquor out of ethal alcohol with no liquor in it.

Adulterated Coffee.

Black pepper, he said, is a fruitful source of adulteration, the "filler" being sold in five ton weights, according to a letter which Mr. Mann read. Pepper berries, he said, were made out of tobacco colored with lamp black.

"The coffee that we drink, Mocha, and Java," said Mr. Mann, "is generally adulterated with Brazil coffee and ground coffee, with sawdust and even bread crumbs."

Taking his position behind the tables, Mr. Mann began a rapid explanation of his article to-day. Taking up a bottle of bright-colored cherries, marked "Marschiano cherries," he explained that the cherries had been picked green; they then were bleached and colored with antiline dye, and holding up a bright colored bit of cloth, he said, "this cloth was dyed with the same dye."

"What are these cherries for?" asked a member.

"I understand they are used one at a time in a well known drink," replied Mr. Mann, amid laughter, some of the members recognizing the cocktail which goes with the cherry.

Holding up a bottle with a light-colored liquid in it, Mr. Mann said it was honey, "yet it never saw a hive, much less a comb. It is fresh from the glucose factory."

Freezing, he said, was a powder sold to preserve meat in a rapid storage. He admitted that it might keep meats from spoiling, but it was most injurious to health, being composed of sulphate of soda and red coal tar dye.

Cotton Seed Oil.

A fine grade of olive oil used by the Union League Club, of Philadelphia, turned out to be cotton-seed oil with an adulterant.

Taking up the subject of canned tomatoes, Mr. Mann held up three cans, each being of different weight, and yet all bought for three pence.

The department stores of New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Washington, and the mail order houses sell the short weight cans," said Mr. Mann, which statement was received with applause. The speaker insisted that if standard sizes of cans are made, as Nos. 1, 2 or 3.

KILL THE FLEAS.

At this season fleas are very annoying. Kill 'em with Bergant's Flea Remedy, for sale by druggists at 25 cents.

SENATORS ATTACK TRAVELING BILL

Measure Under Discussion for

Some Time in Upper Branch Yesterday.

LABOR FEDERATION ACTS

President Standing by La Follette

in Coal and Oil Land Matter.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 21.—The Senate to-day devoted a portion of its session to a discussion of the amendment to the railway bill, appropriating \$25,000 to pay the expenses of the President when traveling, and the subject was unfinished when the Senate adjourned for the day. Senators McLaughlin and McCumber criticized the provision sharply.

Mr. Glass is the only member of the Virginia delegation in the House who believes the country should pay the traveling expenses of the President. He was one of the Democrats who voted yesterday for the bill appropriating \$25,000 for the payment of the expenses of the President when he travels, but all the rest of the Virginia Democrats present voted the other way.

Mr. Glass says he does not believe the President should be compelled to pay his own expenses when he goes to various parts of the country at the invitation of the people, nor does he believe that the President should accept courtesies in the way of free transportation from the railroad companies.

Report Rejected.

The House to-day spent much time in the discussion of the conference report on the naval appropriation bill, in which Mr. Foss, of Illinois, chairman of the committee, was defeated by the other House leaders. The House was not in a humor to accept the partial conference report, nor did it desire to leave some of the expenses of the President to various parts of the country at the invitation of the people, nor does he believe that the President should accept courtesies in the way of free transportation from the railroad companies.

Several minor amendments were also passed upon, and then report was agreed to, and the conference, consisting of Mr. Foss, Mr. Loudenslager and Mr. Meyer, were reappointed.

After the disposition of the naval bill, the pure food bill occupied the attention of the House until adjournment.

NEW DIRECTORS OF EQUITABLE CHOSEN

Joseph Bryan, of Richmond, and D. A. Tomkins, of Charlotte, Among Those Elected.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, June 21.—The amended charter of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, having been approved this morning by the superintendent of insurance and the attorney-general, and filed in the office of the superintendent of insurance, the Board of Directors met this afternoon for the purpose of nominating the so-called "administration ticket" of the twenty-eight directors to be elected next December. In accordance with the request of the board, embodied in a resolution adopted at the May meeting, Grover Cleveland and Justice Morgan J. O'Brien, suggested to the board the names of twenty-eight policy-holders to be placed upon the ticket. The board, accepting the suggestions of Mr. Cleveland and his associates, adopted resolutions nominating the twenty-eight policy-holders.

Mr. Joseph Bryan, of Richmond, Va., was elected a director to serve one year, and the seven elected to serve two years, are Messrs. Daniel A. Tomkins, of Charlotte, N. C., and E. W. Robertson, of Columbia, S. C.

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They're liberal in size, and good enough for a king. Very're worth two dollars a dozen, and they won't last very long at the price quoted. Every single one of these towels came from a foreign mill, and they were imported by us direct. Don't miss this item—it's a good one.

RATE BILL CONFEREES TO REPORT AGREEMENT TO-DAY

Understanding Reached at Meeting Held Last Night—Action Expected in House on Saturday.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, June 21.—An understanding was reached by the conferees on the railroad rate bill to-night, which it is predicted will result in a complete agreement being reported to-morrow. The conferees will meet at 10 o'clock in the morning to draw up the agreement. It is the present purpose to have it presented to the House to-morrow in order that it may be printed in the record, as required by the rules, and thus permit it to be called up for action Saturday.

Richmonders in New York.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, June 21.—Waldorf, W. P. Marshall, Hotel du Parc, F. C. W. Saunders and wife, Continental, W. G. Smith, Hoffman, W. B. Davis, Grand, T. Wheelwright, Imperial, F. D. Nealey.

Wedding Cost Ten Millions.

A correspondent at Madrid makes a calculation of the cost of the wedding, and arrives roughly at a total expenditure of \$10,000,000. He puts the outlay for decorations by the municipality and for the citizens at \$125,000.

Having regard for the necessity of every woman invited to the wedding ceremony and the various festivities equipping herself with an elaborate new robe, ornaments, and, in many cases, jewelry, he believes that not less than \$3,500,000 was paid to milliners, dress-makers and jewelers.

He instances a dowager duchess, seventy years old, who bought a new train for \$50,000. A majority of the 2,500 nobles and others had to get new uniforms and court dresses, and the cost of these is placed at \$437,500.

The restoration of the royal state coaches, new harness and trappings cost more than \$150,000. More than \$1,250,000 was expended in preparing and redecorating the Pardo Palace, including the building of new kitchens, in furnishing the Chateau de La Granja for the honeymoon and in restoring the apartments in the palace at Madrid for the new Queen.

New uniforms for the troops and court servants cost \$150,000. In addition to all these there is the outlay for the bullfight, a military review, and the various fetes, which is a known will amount to many thousands of dollars.—From a London cable dispatch.

Americans Abroad.

Newspapers are printing the customary summer stories of crowds of visitors from this country flocking to Europe and over-running the hotels and public places. The Treasury statistics show that about 150,000 Americans go to Europe every year, and the estimate averages 100,000 of this army of visitors is 11,000, so that European hotel owners, storekeepers, transportation companies and other purveyors to sightseers receive about \$150,000,000 annually from the overflowing American pocketbook.

The money spent by 150,000 Americans

All this week we offer fibre bound, brass lock, iron bottom, double strap, solid canvas covered, size 36; full made in our own factory.

Straw Bags 19c up. Trunks Repaired.